

## ABSTRACT

The invention concerns a method and a device for optical detection of defects, like local deformations or bubbles, in an object, especially an optical data carrier, wherein the object is illuminated with light by at least one light source and the light reflected by or transmitted through the object is received by at least one light-sensitive receiver, in which, in a defect-free object, the light is reflected by or transmitted through the object at a normal angle of reflection along a normal axis of reflection. According to the invention, it is proposed that in front of the light-sensitive receiver, at least one property of at least one part of the light incident on the receiver is varied when the light is reflected by or transmitted through the object along an axis of reflection shifted from the normal axis of reflection and/or with an angle of reflection shifted from the normal angle of reflection.